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September 21, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

This letter is to support the pending merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

Missourians look for competitive telecommunication services that can provide quality products and services as well as support business objectives that enhance economic growth to our State. Charter Communications is one of the providers addressing that issue. Charter's broadband network provides high quality video, voice and data products to residential and business customers. In their all-digital upgrade, they have added a number of new programming services, of which many are in HD. Charter has been one of the leaders in providing high quality Internet to customers. In my district, which includes the City of Sedalia, Charter's slowest Internet speed offered is 60Mbps. Charter provides contract-free services and the company does not block, throttle, or prioritize Internet traffic. They have also committed not to engage in data caps or usage based billing.

Charter is also bringing jobs back to Missouri and the United States. Charter last year completed a \$12 million dollar renovation of a 78,000 plus square foot vacant building in Bridgeton, Missouri in order to open a new, state-of-the-art Customer Care Center, which added hundreds of new jobs in the State. They have committed under the New Charter merger to bring Time Warner Cable customer care jobs that are overseas back to America. Finally, as a strong advocate of the military, I appreciate the efforts by Charter to utilize various agencies to assist them in hiring military veterans.

Charter's high quality services and its demonstration of job growth will enhance Missouri as well as other areas of the country. Therefore, I ask that the Commission support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson
Missouri State Senator, 28th District